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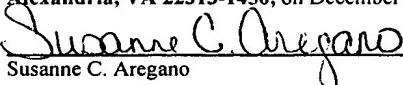
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of an English-language version thereof. As to the relevance of the remaining foreign language document, DE 297 10 503 U1, this reference shows a loop-shaped tiller head connected to a tiller rod in a spaced

relation to the outer end of the tiller rod. The control lever is pivotally supported by the end of the tiller rod and can be tilted about an axis perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the tiller rod. A control lever is located in the space between the end of the tiller rod and the upper end of the loop-shaped tiller head.

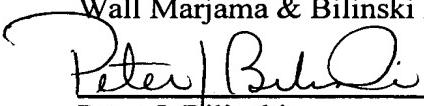
As can be seen in Fig. 3, the control lever is associated with a cam roller that cooperates with cam notches in order to releasably lock the control lever in different positions.

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